

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Conference Room F – 2nd Floor.

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from May 12, 2010.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Teeth Whitening
Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
- Continuing Education
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH

V. NEW BUSINESS

Provisional License Applications

- Lesbia Drukteinis, DDS
- Robertzon Guloy, DDS
- Ana Novoa, DDS
- Lyly Rodriguez, DDS
- Manuel Sato, DDS
- Takanori Sobue, DDS
- Avinder Upadhyay, BDS
- Madhur Upadhyay, BDS
- Sumit Yadav, BDS

Presented by Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12, 2010**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 12, 2010, at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Keller Auditorium, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson Elliot S. Berman, DDS Peter Katz, DMD Lisa Liegeot Steven Reiss, DDS Martin Ungar, DMD
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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	Lance Banwell, DDS Barbara Ulrich
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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Dr. Strathearn welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as edited.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Strathearn reported those online continuing education courses are available from the American Association of Dental Boards at www.dentalboards.org. Courses currently available are Guidelines on Unprofessional Conduct Involving Sexual Boundary Violations and Guidelines on Dental Patient Records.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that proposed legislation regarding a Scope of Practice Review Committee and Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners did not pass during this year's session.

Legislation that did pass includes Senate Bill No. 428, which allows for the disciplining of dentists for failure to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice. This bill also provides that the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Dental Commission, shall on or before October 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter, issue a list that includes not more than five mandatory topics for continuing education activities that will be required for the following two-year registration period.

Ms. Filippone also reported on Senate Bill No. 248, which allows complainants, for complaints filed after October 1, 2010, to review contents of an investigative file and requires the complainants to receive notice of pending hearings.

Also passed this session was Public Act 10-23. This act allows out-of-state, volunteer health care practitioners to provide health care services in Connecticut at (1) a free clinic or similar charitable medical event providing free health care services or (2) the Special Olympics or similar athletic event attracting a large number of out-of-state participants provided the practitioners meet certain criteria. This will allow out-of-state dentists to participate in the Mission of Mercy program without obtaining a Connecticut license.

IV. New Business

A. Provisional License Application - Yuri Levit, DMD

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Yuri Levit, DMD, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Levit. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application - Jose Urresti Soberon, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Jose Urresti Soberon, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Soberon. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement License Application

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement request for David Patterson, DDS. Dr. Patterson's license was revoked on February 1, 2006. Dr. Patterson's license was revoked on February 1, 2006. Following review of this request Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, recommending that Dr. Patterson's license be reinstated to a period of probation with requirements for retraining and a clinical skills assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Temporary Crowns

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission that if a statute prohibits an activity the Commission cannot issue a Declaratory Ruling stating the activity is allowed.

D. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission on the procedures for issuing a Declaratory Ruling. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, that the Commission pursue the issuance of a Declaratory Ruling pertaining to teeth whitening. The motion passed unanimously. There will be further discussion concerning this issue at the September 8, 2010 Commission meeting.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Laurence Loeb, DDS – Petition No. 2010-259

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Laurence Loeb, DDS. Dr. Loeb was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of dentistry represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panelists in this matter will be Dr. Berman, Ms. Liegeot and Dr. Ungar. The hearing will be scheduled for May 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Investigations Protocol

Kathleen Boulware, RN, DPH Practitioner Investigations Unit gave a presentation on the process for the investigation of complaints regarding health care practitioners.

VII. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission